

## **COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

**Between the**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION,**  
**SOUTHERN LAND OFFICE, on behalf of Yellowstone and Musselshell Counties**  
**And**  
**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BILLINGS FIELD OFFICE**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated cooperative fire suppression operation on this fire and to describe the cost division. Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the **Statewide Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement #05-FI-11015600-14** executed between the parties on 3/10/05.

Incident Name: **DUNN MOUNTAIN FIRE**

<u>Origin:</u>	<u>Counties:</u> Yellowstone & Musselshell	<u>Lat:</u> 46 41' 26"	<u>Long:</u> 108 20" 50"
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Final Fire Size:

102, 383 acres as of 09/02/2008

Incident Start Date and Time: 8/21/2008 @ 2200 hours.

Jurisdictions: Yellowstone and Musselshell Counties  
USDI, Bureau of Land Management

Incident Cause: Lightning

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Fire #</b>	<b>Accounting Code</b>
BLM	MT-SOS-0000-19	EH3P
MT DNRC	MT-SOS-0000-19	89208

Cost Share Period: This agreement becomes effective 0600 on August 27, 2008 and will remain in effect until the fire is declared out and all fire suppression rehab has been completed.

Command Structure: Overall direction of this incident will be by a **Unified Command** structure.

Principal Contacts. The following personnel are the principal contacts:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Incident Commander -	Rick Kusicko	NR Type II IMT
Agency Administrator	Jim Sparks	BLM State Office-Billings
Agency Administrator	Richard Moore	MT DNRC-Southern Land Office
Incident Business Advisor	Sue Clark	MT DNRC

Agency representatives participating in the development of this cost share agreement:

Bureau of Land Management,  
Billings Field Office  
Name: Jim Sparks  
Title: Agency Administrator

MT DNRC on behalf of Yellowstone &  
Musselshell Counties  
Name: Richard Moore  
Title: Agency Administrator

Structural Protection:

1. The BLM has wildland and structure protection responsibility for BLM lands.
2. Yellowstone and Musselshell Counties have wildland and structure protection responsibility for State of Montana and private lands.
  - a. DNRC, through a signed County Cooperative Assistance request, agrees to assume 91 % of the overall fire cost to offset costs of fire suppression on State and private land and structure protection provided by Incident Management for the dates listed in this agreement.
  - b. BLM agrees to assume 9% of the overall costs to offset costs of fire suppression on BLM land and structure protection provided by Incident Management for the dates listed in this agreement.

**PROTECTING ENTITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Wildland Fire Responsibility (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Structure Protection Responsibility (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Structure Suppression Responsibility (Yes or No)</b>
BLM	Yes	Yes	No
Yellowstone County	Yes	Yes	Yes
Musselshell County	Yes	Yes	Yes

Basis or Rationale for Cost Share:


The cost share will be based on a percentage of protection responsibility acres within the area defined by the final fire boundary on the date the fire is declared out. The costs to be shared include all costs associated with management of the incident, including structure protection. The decision was made to use the actual acreage within the fire perimeter in each agency's protection responsibility because of equal effort expended on all areas of the incident.

Other conditions relative to this agreement (Special conditions, standard clauses, notifications, incident information, etc.)

- 1) Costs for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
- 2) Administrative overhead costs such as agency personnel, support and services, not directly assigned or ordered by the incident, will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement and will not be shared.
- 3) Direct suppression costs, including aircraft and retardant will be shared under this agreement.
- 4) Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in unified fire suppression activities will not be included as part of this cost share agreement.
- 5) All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared.
- 6) Agency-specific costs will not be shared.
- 7) Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
- 8) Responsibility for tort claims costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
- 9) Daily cost summaries will be documented and approved by the Agency Administrators or their designated representatives.
- 10) Sharing of final actual costs between the agencies will be based on actual incident suppression costs and each agency's proportionate share thereof as agreed to by the protection agencies.
- 11) Per the Montana Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs.

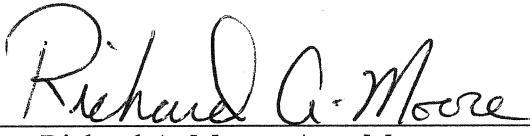
This Agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable Agency cost responsibilities.

Agency: Bureau of Land Management  
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Billings, MT 59107

Signature:   
Jim Sparks, Field Manager  
Billings Field Office  
Bureau of Land Management

Date: 9/30/08

Agency: Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Southern Land Office  
1371 Rimtop Drive  
Airport Industrial Park  
Billings, MT 59105-1978

Signature:   
Richard A. Moore, Area Manager  
Southern Land Office  
Montana DNRC

Date: 9/29/08